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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NRC COMMISSIONER VICTOR GILINSKY

REF: IAEA VIENNA 7228

1. COMMISSIONER GILINSKY COMPLETED VISIT AS SCHEDULED REFTEL. MAJOR THEME OF DISCUSSION WAS IAEA SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM AND ITS LIMITED BUT POSITIVE ROLE AGAINST THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2. IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUALS NOTED REFTEL, COMMISSIONER GILINSKY ALSO TALKED WITH (A) D.A.V. FISCHER, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS WHO, INTER ALIA, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS; (B) SVEN THORSTENSEN, CHIEF OF FAR EAST SECTION, DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM AN INTENSIVE SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION IN TAIWAN; AND (C) JIRI BERANEK, CHIEF OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST SECTION, DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDS IN INDIA. HE ALSO MET BRIEFLY WITH SLOBODAN NAKICENOVIC, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS AND ADOLPH VON

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BAECKMANN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS DEVELOPMENT.

3. BOTH FISCHER AND ROMETSCH AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER GILINSKY'S CONCERN THAT UNLESS THERE IS A HIGHLY CREDIBLE, EFFECTIVE AND RAPID PLAN OF RESPONSE ON THE PART OF

MEMBER COUNTRIES TO AN IAEA REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT DIVERSION OF MATERIAL SUCH AS PLUTONIUM METAL WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF THE DIVERSION, THE EFFECT OF THE SAFEGUARDS WILL BE MINIMAL. THEY FELT THAT IN ANY EVENT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE ACCESS BY NNWS'S TO WEAPONS USEABLE MATERIAL IN READILY ACCESSIBLE FORM.

4. COMMISSION GILINSKY HAD LUNCH THURSDAY WITH CHARLES MILLAR, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT, AND JOHN MCCULLEN, MORRIS ROSEN AND ENZO IANSITI WHO ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE IAEA'S NUCLEAR SAFETY PROGRAM.

5. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF COMMISSIONER GILINSKY COULD RETURN TO VIENNA FOR MORE EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF THE SAFEGUARDS SITUATION. GABBERT

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